

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

April 15, 2002
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Degginger, Councilmembers Davidson, Lee, Mosher, and Noble

ABSENT: Councilmember Creighton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers except Mr. Creighton were present. Deputy Mayor Degginger led the flag salute.

(a) Recognition of Wireless Data Initiative

Toni Cramer, Chief Information Officer, described the City's partnership with technology leaders Compaq Computer Corporation, Infowave Software, AT&T Wireless, and Sierra Wireless. This wireless data initiative will allow city employees to connect to city databases and the city's Intranet, email, and calendar functions to complete previously paper-based office tasks from the field. The goal of the project is to improve productivity and customer service. For example, with this technology construction site personnel will be able to access inspection results immediately. The technology also provides a redundant communications tool which will be essential in the event of an earthquake or similar emergency event.

Bart McCormick, Infowave Software's manager of the worldwide alliance with Compaq, displayed a PDA (personal digital assistant) device to be used by City staff. He thanked the City for its forward thinking in initiating this partnership.

Mayor Marshall noted that Bellevue strives to be a high technology hub for the Eastside. She confirmed that Council values the project's goals for improved productivity and exceptional customer service.

(b) Recognition of Bellevue Community Members Working to End Sexual Violence

Kari Kessler, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), recognized Interlake High School's Students Against Sexual Harassment (SASH). SASH has provided support,

resources, and training to Interlake High School students and staff to create change and prevent sexual harassment within their school. SASH won the 2001 Bellevue Youth Link Community Leadership Award for its outstanding work.

Ms. Kessler recognized Bellevue-based Youth Eastside Services (YES), which works with KCSARC to facilitate groups for young men and women to reduce their vulnerability to sexual assault.

Mayor Marshall read a proclamation by Governor Gary Locke declaring April 7-13 as Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

(c) Proclamation of April 20, 2002 as Arbor Day and Earth Day

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran invited Council and the public to the City's Arbor Day and Earth Day celebration on April 20 at the Lake Hills Greenbelt. Volunteer stewardship projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. throughout the Lake Hills community. At noon, a ceremony will be held at Larsen Lake Cabin for the official Arbor Day tree planting.

Deputy Mayor Degginger read a proclamation declaring April 20 as Arbor Day and Earth Day in the City of Bellevue. Mayor Marshall noted that Councilmember Davidson will be attending the Larsen Lake activities with his grandchildren.

Mr. Foran introduced Sarah Griffith, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, State of Washington Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Griffith presented Bellevue with its 11th Tree City USA award and a Tree City USA Growth award. She thanked the City and the Parks Department for hosting the Commissioner of Public Lands and the State Forester at a Kelsey Creek Park meeting on State Arbor Day, April 10. Ms. Griffith commended the City of Bellevue for its leadership in operating one of the most progressive and innovative urban forestry programs in the state. She said the state's first Tree City USA banquet was held last week and Bellevue had the largest group of representatives in attendance.

(d) Proclamation of April 21-27 as National Volunteer Week

Mr. Foran thanked all of the City's volunteers for their time and dedication. In 2001, approximately 7,332 volunteers donated more than 112,715 hours of their time to the City on behalf of Bellevue citizens. The annual added value to the City from these efforts is estimated conservatively at \$1,657,403.04. Volunteers serve on boards and commissions, help to maintain the City's streams and wildlife habitats, teach children to read, and provide assistance that enhances many of the general City services. Mr. Foran introduced Marvin Bush, a volunteer in the City's Probation Services division for 27 ½ years. Mr. Bush presented a symbolic check to Council representing the value of volunteers to the City.

Mayor Marshall said the community's dedicated volunteers make Bellevue a special place to live and conduct business. She encouraged interested citizens to check the City's web site or to call City Hall for more information about volunteering with the City. Mrs. Marshall read a proclamation recognizing April 21-27 as National Volunteer Week in Bellevue.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Bernie Goddard voiced opposition to the trip made to Washington, D.C., by five Councilmembers and one staff member in March. He acknowledged that Mr. Mosher's expenses were paid by the National League of Cities but he feels taxpayers did not gain anything from this trip. He questioned the City's involvement in the Sister Cities Program and its benefits for citizens.
- (b) Jerry Hardebeck, Waste Management employee and volunteer for Rebuilding Together/Christmas in April, described the group's efforts to rehabilitate homes across the United States. The Eastside chapter sponsors an annual work day on the last Saturday of April and is currently looking for more homeowners to help on April 27, 2002. He thanked Barbara Tuininga, City employee, for her extensive efforts to identify homeowners in need and asked citizens to call 425-455-0179 for more information.
- (c) Win Cannon, representing the League of Washington Taxpayers, expressed concern about the proposed parks and open space bond issue, increasing property values and taxes, and increasing energy costs.
- (d) Gail Zeller, representing the Children's Response Center, commended Bellevue for supporting efforts to end child abuse and sexual violence in the community. She noted that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and announced the center's annual fundraising lunch on April 26.
- (e) Sheryl Stillwell expressed concern about a proposed 53-foot cellular tower to be built next to her home at the Killarney Glen substation site. She appealed the City's decision to allow installation of the tower and alleged hearing improprieties. She discovered during the appeal process that the current cell tower was never properly permitted despite its exceeding the height limits for a single-family neighborhood. She was later provided documentation reflecting that the tower was permitted on the day before the appeal hearing. The citizen requested documentation of the permit and a response to her concerns regarding the use of this site.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager: None.

6. Council Business

Mr. Mosher attended several Sound Transit meetings. He continues to urge Sound Transit to proceed to Phase II and to consider the use of excess revenues for the Eastside. He and the Council advocate the implementation of bus rapid transit along I-405.

Mr. Lee attended a Bellevue Economic Partnership meeting.

Deputy Mayor Degginger attended meetings of the Downtown Implementation Plan and Cascade Water Alliance.

Mr. Noble attended the Downtown Implementation Plan meeting. He noted that a consultant presented a proposal to construct a Five Spires landmark in Bellevue but the issue has not been discussed by Council. Mr. Noble attended meetings of the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Board and Eastside Transportation Partnership. He announced a transportation forum with state legislators scheduled for 7:00 p.m., April 16, at the Bellevue Community College Carlson Theatre and encouraged citizens to attend. He asked Councilmembers to attend the upcoming May 8 kickoff meeting of the Eastside Human Services Forum.

Dr. Davidson attended the Police Department promotion and retirement celebration, a meeting of the Cascade Water Alliance, and a meeting of the West Lake Hills Citizens Advisory Committee. He commended the participation and enthusiasm of West Lake Hills residents involved with the CAC.

Mayor Marshall said Council's appointments to the Arts Commission have been postponed to next week.

7. Approval of the Agenda

➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

Deputy Mayor Degginger pulled item 8(c) for Council discussion.

➡ Mr. Mosher moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the amended Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of March 25, 2002 Extended Study Session
Minutes of April 1, 2002 Study Session
Minutes of April 1, 2002 Regular Session
Minutes of April 5, 2002 Special Meeting
Minutes of April 8, 2002 Extended Study Session
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending April 10, 2002, and payroll for the period March 16 through March 31, 2002.
- (d) Motion to award Bid No. 0203 for construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, retaining walls, bike lanes, and reconstruction and pavement on Kamber Road in the amount of \$1,613,018 to Fury Construction Co. as low bidder. (CIP Plan Nos. PW-R-102, PW-M-1)

- (e) Ordinance No. 5366 authorizing and providing for the acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of improvements to Factoria Boulevard, SE 3600 Block to SE 41st Place, CIP Plan No. PW-R-116, Factoria Boulevard Improvements within the City of Bellevue; providing for condemnation, appropriation, taking and damaging of land and property rights necessary therefore; providing for the cost thereof and directing the initiation of appropriate proceedings in the manner provided by law for said condemnation.

Items for Council discussion:

- (c) Motion to award Bid No. 0143 for construction of walkway/bikeway improvements to Lake Washington Boulevard in the *Newport Hills community* in the amount of \$1,699,135 to Westwater Construction Co. as low bidder. (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-65)
- ➡ Deputy Mayor Degginger moved to reject all bids and to direct staff to rebid the Lake Washington Boulevard walkway/bikeway project, and Mr. Mosher seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to reject all bids and to direct staff to rebid the Lake Washington Boulevard walkway/bikeway project carried by a vote of 6-0.
- 9. Public Hearings: None.
 - 10. Land Use: None.
 - 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
 - 12. Unfinished Business: None.
 - 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
 - 14. New business: None.
 - 15. Executive Session: None.
 - 16. Adjournment

At 8:56 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared recess to return to the study session for continued discussion of the potential parks bond issue.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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